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MCC collects record Rs. 310.49 crore taxes

▶ Rs. 169 crore Property Tax ▶ Rs. 93.10 crore Water Tax
▶ Rs. 14.40 cr. plan approval fee ▶ Rs. 6.68 cr. trade licence fee

Seven-Year Tax Data

Financial Year	Tax collected
2022-2023	Rs. 310.49 crore
2021-2022	Rs. 280.69 crore
2020-2021	Rs. 204.96 crore
2019-2020	Rs. 218.15 crore
2018-2019	Rs. 210.47 crore
2017-2018	Rs. 194.80 crore
2016-2017	Rs. 175.97 crore

By S.T. Ravikumar

Mysuru, Apr. 4- Usually any meeting to discuss the finances of the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) attended by people's representatives, citizens, NGOs and representatives of organisations turns into a platform for the participants to hit out at the officials for poor tax recovery and shoddy revenue generation.

But belying the negativity, the MCC has collected a record Rs. 310.49 crore taxes in the last financial year till March 31, 2023. **As a continued incentive to the taxpayers, the MCC has announced the annual tax rebate of five percent if the payment is made in the month of April.**

Money sanctioned by the Government is not regular and in financially constrained years, not a single rupee comes from the Government and there are years when the State Government has left MCC high and dry, impacting local development works.

(See MCC on page 6)

'Online payments helped'

There was a huge dent in the MCC revenue during COVID and even after the pandemic situation eased, people were scared of crowds and were reluctant to stand in queues to pay their taxes. Later, we introduced and streamlined tax collection through online mediums where people could pay taxes from the comforts of their homes. The Revenue Officers, Vani Vilas Water Works (VVWW) officers and staff, elected representatives and the public have co-operated so that we can carry out development works."

— G. Lakshmikantha Reddy, MCC Commissioner

'Make use of 5% rebate'

I appeal to the taxpayers to make use of the five percent rebate announced by the MCC for tax payment in the month of April. In the last financial year, I had conducted a series of meetings at all the nine Zonal Offices of the MCC and took the officers and elected representatives into confidence. Targets were set with the help of senior officers and the Commissioner and the collections were regularly monitored. The efforts paid off and we are planning to maintain the same tempo in the next financial year too.

— Shivakumar, Mayor

Siddu Vs Somanna in Varuna?

Siddharamaiah *Somanna*

Mysuru, Apr. 4- With State BJP Vice-President B.Y. Vijayendra, the son of former Chief Minister and Lingayat strongman B.S. Yediyurappa, showing little interest in contesting from Varuna this time around, the BJP High Command is said to be mulling on fielding another influential Lingayat leader V. Somanna, Minister for Housing, from Varuna Assembly segment as the party candidate to take on former CM and Opposition Leader Siddharamaiah, who is contesting again from Varuna for the elections on May 10.

To add credence to Somanna's possible contest from Varuna, rumours are doing the rounds in Varuna Assembly segment that Somanna is searching for a suitable house in the limits of the Constituency for camping there during the campaign.

Somanna was the Mysuru District In-Charge Minister soon after the BJP came to power following the collapse of the JD(S)-Congress coalition Government in 2019. But Somanna shifted to Chamarajanagar as District In-Charge Minister in April 2020 due to some controversies that erupted following the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic.

(See VARUNA on page 6)

Poll duty will not impact II PUC evaluation

Mysuru, Apr. 4 (RK,BS&BCT)- The process of evaluation of answer scripts of II PUC exams held from Mar. 9 to 29, has begun and the actual evaluation will start from tomorrow. Evaluators have arrived in Mysuru — one of the main centres in Karnataka — from various parts of State and reported to the venues.

(See PUC on page 7)

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Tuesday 4th April 2023

Distribution of Ayushman Bharat cards suspended

Bengaluru, Apr. 4- As the Model Code of Conduct is in force, the Health Department has suspended the distribution of cards for Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Janarogya Yojana (ABMP JAY) — Arogya Karnataka. There will also be delay in the ongoing tender processes for annual drug procurement, dialysis and 108 ambulances, officials said.

In a press release, Commissioner, Health and Family Welfare Services, D. Randeep said that all related services are mostly free, and since health is an emergency service, health schemes will not be affected and work will continue as it is. Only work regarding tender processes could see procedural delays, he added.

Regarding the distribution of cards for Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Janarogya Yojana (ABMP JAY) — Arogya Karnataka, Randeep said that the Department is checking with the Election Commission if it can be continued as it is categorised as an emergency health scheme.

Several tenders of the Health Department are in process for 3-4 months now, and the delay due to elections will mean citizens will have to wait further for the new 108 ambulance service and other essential services.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

When I was young, the entire family shared everything, from towels, soapnut powder, and soaps to Nanjangud tooth powder. My parents, long before the Kyoto Protocol, seemed to know that minimalism and sharing were good not only to keep the family together and maintain fiscal health but also for the environment.

My parents, unmindful of the profound impact of their actions, encouraged us to buy used textbooks, use unused blank pages in note books, and get our old footwear repaired. Nothing was bought anew unless there was no other option. They were not only reducing the carbon footprint but also nurturing the local economy by using the services of cobblers, tailors and book-binders.

India has gone through generational shifts as we, the baby boomers, make way for our children, the millennials. Back in our day, salaries were barely enough to meet our needs, and wants were often sacrificed, but loans were always shunned. My son began his life with an income much higher than what I earned at the end of my career, and he isn't shy about taking out loans to meet their whims and wants.

My son and his wife prefer separate soaps, shampoos, and towels; they use and throw away their clothes, footwear, and even mobile phones — all this despite the Kyoto Protocol's fervent pleas to reduce carbon footprint. When I was reminiscing about the past and my son's unwillingness to use my toilet soap, I had the epiphany that the millennial generation has scant regard for money as a result of their greater earning potential. Is it true?

— K.V. Chandra Mouli in Deccan Herald

NEWS SPARKLERS

20-year-old boiled egg looks like red ruby

Beijing: A Chinese woman stunned the internet with photos of a 20-year-old boiled egg that she had preserved as a young girl and then forgotten about. It has fossilized and now resembles a ruby.

The woman, surnamed Fu, posted photos of the fossilized egg on a Chinese social media platform, where they quickly attracted people's attention and went viral. It wasn't long before mainstream news outlets started contacting her about the unique egg, wanting to know its story. Apparently, the woman's mother bought it for her 20 years ago, when she was still in primary school, because it was unusually small in size. Her mother boiled it for her to eat at school, but after storing it in a side pocket of her backpack, she forgot about it for three days and dared not eat if after that, thinking it had spoiled. But she didn't want to throw the delicate egg away either, so she put it on top of their refrigerator and completely forgot about it for a couple of months.

Highest train station looks like secret base

Jungfraujoch: High up in the Swiss Alps, at an altitude of almost 3,500 meters (11,332 feet), lies Jungfraujoch, Europe's highest train station, a wonder of human engineering that has been around for over a century. The train doesn't seem like the best means of transportation, but the Swiss would beg to differ and they have proof to back up their claims. At the end of the 19th century, they began work on the Jungfraubahn, a steep railway through the Bernese Alps all the way to the 'top of Europe'. And, at the end of the Jungfraubahn railway, they built Jungfraujoch, a spectacular train station perched on a rock between the Jungfrau and Mönch mountains, both of which soar over 4,000 meters. Today, Jungfraujoch is officially recognized as the highest train station in Europe and is one of Switzerland's most popular tourist attractions.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Myth: Urinary Incontinence happens to everyone with age

Fact: Urinary leakage is not an inevitable part of aging. Even if it happens, it can be controlled or cured.

By Dr. Thimmaiah K.A. - Consultant – Urology, Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Tips on home remedy with natural medicines for immediate relief

Mysuru, Apr. 4- Dr. Omprakash, retired senior Physician, JSS Ayurveda College, Mysuru, spoke on the topic 'Home Remedies - The best and simple solution as medicine for a healthy and long lasting life,' as part of a lecture on health at Elder Citizens Council in Jayalakshmipuram recently.

Like the Sanjeevani brought by Lord Hanuman to revive the condition of Lakshmana, who falls unconscious, by using herbal medicines, Dr. Omprakash chose to explain the methods of healing of any diseases at home with the help of Kashaya, Churnam (paste), Lehya, made out of medicinal plants and leaves, herbals, spices and many more, which are available in our surroundings. They can be used as medicine to get relief from common health disorders like cold, cough, headache, joint pains, diabetes, BP, varicose veins, by applying them.

It was quite interesting for the audience present to find that plants which are generally available in our gardens like Thulasi, Doddapathre, Turmeric, Amla, Castrol and leaves, touch me not leaves, Dasavala flower, Coriander leaves, Lavanga (cloves), Pomegranate, Amruthaballi, Grass, Plantain leaves, Garlic, Margosa, Onion, Rock salt, Ghee, Milk, are some of the naturally available and considered as powerful medicine to be applied to the body, both inside or outside to get relief.

As these items are available locally and can be mixed at home itself as juice, churnam or paste, they are considered as home remedies for immediate relief, according to Dr. Omprakash.

The talk was followed by interaction with the audience, where they raised several queries on health issues and solutions by simple medicines.

President of Elder Citizens Council Dr. H. M. Nagaraj presided while Secretary Krishna welcomed the gathering.

Treasurer Prof. Javare Gowda proposes a vote of thanks.

Gowdappa, Chairman, Elder Citizens Council (ECC) Trust, K.V. Ramanath, Vice-President, ECC, K.V.K. Naidu, Susheela Marigowda, V.N. Achar, Latha, Ramanna, H.R. Sundareshan, Narasimham and others were present on the occasion.

REALLY...?

- ***Marie Curie was the first person ever to win two Nobel Prizes — one for Physics in 1903, the other for Chemistry in 1911 for her work on radioactivity.***
- ***The youngest person to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize is Malala Yousafzai (aged just 17 in 2014), for her work as a child rights activist and champion of girls' right to education.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Teacher: *Who are the most devout people?*
Student: *Thieves Sir!*
Teacher: *Why?*
Student: *Nowadays they commit theft only in temples!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 82.39
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 101.24
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 22.43
1 Euro	= Rs. 89.06

VOICE OF THE READER

Ramakrishnanagar residents seek City Bus services

Sir,

The residents of Ramakrishnanagar have been put to severe hardship due to negligence of Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC). The City Bus Route Numbers 61, 72 and 135 remain to be reinstated for more than two years since it was suspended during COVID-19 pandemic.

These bus routes had good ridership, as those travelling towards Railway Station in the early morning and returning late in the evening were boarding these buses.

Several appeals and even a recommendation by the local MLA over phone seem to have fallen on deaf ears.

The residents also face an uphill task to travel towards Vivekananda Circle from Vrushabha Circle, Ramakrishnanagar, because only Route No. 62 ends its service at the latter Circle.

—Prof. (Retd.) B.S. Shankara
Mysuru
20.3.2023

All-India Inter-University Women's Cricket

BCCI President Roger Binny

to inaugurate tourney in city tomorrow

JSS STU Vice-Chancellor Dr. A.N. Santhosh Kumar seen addressing a press meet at Pathrakarthara Bhavan in city yesterday as others look on.

Roger Binny

Mysuru, Apr. 4 (PM&SSM)- JSS Science and Technology University (JSS STU) and the Association of Indian Universities have jointly organised six-day All India Inter-University Cricket Tournament for Women 2022-23 between Apr. 5 and 11 at different grounds in city.

Announcing this at a press meet held at Pathrakarthara Bhavan here yesterday, JSS STU Vice-Chancellor Dr. A.N. Santhosh Kumar said that the tournament is organised marking the Diamond Jubilee celebrations of Sri Jayachamarajendra College of Engineering (SJCE) which was established by the JSS Mahavidyapeetha.

Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) President Roger Binny will inaugurate the tournament at JSS KSCA Cricket Grounds in JSS STU campus in city at 4.30 pm on Apr. 5 in the presence of Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji.

Dr. Baljit Singh Sekhon, Joint Secretary (YA & Sports), Association of Indian Universities, will preside. Dr. C.G. Betsurmath, Executive Secretary, JSS Mahavidyapeetha; Prof. M.H. Dhananjaya, Advisor, Technical Education Division, JSS Mahavidyapeetha; Dr. B. Suresh, Director, Technical Education Division, JSS Mahavidyapeetha; Dr. A.N. Santosh Kumar, Vice-Chancellor, JSS STU, will be the guests of honour. Dr. S.A. Dhanaraj, Registrar, JSS STU; Dr. S.B. Kivade, Principal and Dean (Engineering & Technology), SJCE and Dr. C. Revanna, Director, Physical Education Division will be present.

Women's cricket teams from 16 Universities across the country (4 Universities from each zone) will be participating in the tournament. The cricket matches will be held at Gangothri Glades, JSS AHER Grounds, Maharaja's College Grounds and JSS STU Grounds on all the days.

The final match will be held on Apr. 11 at JSS KSCA Cricket Grounds. Prizes for the winning team will be distributed at a stage programme to be held at the Seminar Hall in JSS STU premises at 3 pm on Apr. 11.

JSS STU Registrar Dr. S.A. Dhanaraj, Principal Dr. S.B. Kivade and Tournament Convenor Dr. C. Revanna were present at the press meet.

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'Soap made of donkey's milk makes women beautiful'

Maneka Gandhi claims Cleopatra used to bathe in donkey's milk

Donkey

Cleopatra *[Pics for representation only]*

Sultanpur, Apr. 4- A video of BJP Member of Parliament and former Union Minister Maneka Gandhi, who is also an animal rights activist, is gaining widespread attention on social media. In the video, Maneka Gandhi is seen addressing a "choupal" in Uttar Pradesh's Sultanpur and says, "Donkey's milk soap always keeps a woman's body beautiful." Furthermore, she claimed that Egypt Queen Cleopatra used to bathe in donkey's milk.

"Cleopatra, a very famous queen, used to bathe in donkey's milk. Soaps made with donkey's milk cost Rs. 500 apiece in Delhi. Why don't we start making soaps with goat's milk and with donkey's milk?" she asked in the now-viral video.

She also mentioned that a Ladakh community uses donkey's milk to make soaps. The former Union Minister continued, "How long has it been since you spotted a donkey? Their numbers are falling. The washermen have also stopped using donkeys. There is a community in Ladakh which also noticed that the number of donkeys was dwindling. So they started milking donkeys and used the milk to make soap. Soaps made with donkey's milk will keep a woman's body beautiful forever."

Talking about the growing expenses, Maneka Gandhi noted that as trees are disappearing and therefore wood is becoming expensive. Due to the same reason, cremation costs have also increased. "Wood has become so expensive that, even in death, people leave their family behind poorer. Wood costs around Rs. 15,000 - Rs. 20,000. Instead, we should add aromatic material to cow dung and use them to cremate the dead body. This will reduce the cost of the cremation rituals to just Rs. 1,500 to Rs. 2,000 and you can earn lakhs by selling these cow dung logs," the BJP politician added.

In the longer version of the video on social media, the former Minister further added that she does not want people "to earn any money from animals". "To date, no one has become rich by rearing goats or cows. We don't have that many doctors. There would hardly be three doctors among the 25 lakh people in Sultanpur. Sometimes not even that."

"If a cow or a buffalo or a goat falls sick, lakhs are spent on them. Women are also encouraged to assist with livestock. But how much can they do? That's why I am strongly against anyone doing goat or cow rearing. It will take you a decade to earn. But the animal will die one night and everything will be over," she further said.

It may be mentioned, Maneka Gandhi had started an organisation called People For Animals (PFA) in 1992 which is the largest organisation for animal rights/welfare in India. PFA also has a branch in Mysuru at SBM Layout in Bogadi to provide shelter for sick and abandoned animals.

New team for CREDAI Mysuru

Mysuru, Apr. 4 (GA&KS)- The new teams of Confederation of Real Estate Developers Associations of India (CREDAI), Mysuru, CREDAI Women's Wing and CREDAI Youth Wing for the year 2023-25 were installed at a function held at MBCT Auditorium, Vishweshwaranagar in city on Saturday.

Dr. N. Muthukumar, President and COO, India leader, Cummins-Meritor, was the chief guest. CREDAI National Vice-President Sridharan Swaminathan was the Installing Officer. CREDAI Karnataka Chairman Chaitanya Kulkarni and CREDAI Karnataka President-Elect T.N. Bhaskar were the guests of honour.

New office-bearers of **CREDAI Mysuru**: K. Sriram (Mentor), N.S. Muralidhara (Chairman), D. Srihari (President), M.S. Harish Shenoy and S.R. Swamy (Vice-Presidents), L. Arun Pandit (Secretary), K.N. Ravi Shankar (Joint Secretary) and S. Udai Kumar (Treasurer).

EC Members: T.N. Hemanth, M.C. Mallikarjun, A.V. Sridhar, V. Nagaraj Bairy, Shivakumar, M.S. Nanjegowda, D. Sriram, B. Dhananjaya, M.S. Kumaraswamy, K.R. Prabhakar Rao, S.P. Madhu, B.R. Suchendra and H.S. Sandeep.

CREDAI Women's Wing: Poornima Vishwanath (Chairman), Karthi Sriram (President), Srivani Udai (Vice-President), Vijaya Ashwin (Secretary), Geetha Srihari (Joint Secretary) and Divya Kumaraswamy (Treasurer).

CREDAI Youth Wing: Ghanshyam Murali (President), Nikhil P. Koundinya (Vice-President) and M.N. Sandesh (Project Co-ordinator).

NEWS BRIEFS

Award presentation

Mysuru District Journalists Association (MDJA) has organised a programme at Pathrakartara Bhavan on Tyagaraja Road in city at 11 am tomorrow (Apr. 5) to confer Sri Shivarathreeshwara Media Award on 'Prajanudi' senior reporter M.S. Kashinath. JSS Mahavidyapeetha Finance Division Director S. Puttasubbappa will present the award. Mysore University VC Prof. N.K. Lokanath and District Kannada Sahitya Parishat Mysuru President Maddikere Gopal will be the chief guests. MDJA President S.T. Ravikumar (RK) will preside.

Discourse

A discourse on 'Patanjali Yoga Sootragalu - Samadhi Paada' by Krishna Rao Prakash has been organised at Yajnashale, Datta Sannidhi, Chinmaya Mission, Gokulam, at 6 pm on Apr. 6.

Horticulture training for farmers' children

Horticulture training for the children of farmers has been organised at Rangasamudra Horticulture Training Centre from May 5, 2023 to Feb. 29, 2024. Those who have passed SSLC and general category applicants aged between 18 and 30 years, SC/ST community candidates between 18 and 33 years and ex-army persons aged between 33 and 65 years are eligible to apply. Applications can be downloaded by logging on to ***https://horticulturedir.karnataka.gov.in/*** or at the Office of Senior Assistant Horticulture Director. Filled-in forms must be submitted before Apr. 12. [Ph: 0821-2977527]

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KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00	feet
Today	:	2,258.26	feet
Inflow	:	85	cusecs
Outflow	:	1,300	cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00	feet
Today	:	2,822.23	feet
Inflow	:	59	cusecs
Outflow	:	100	cusecs

Separate road accidents in Mandya

SSLC students among over 31 persons injured

BEO Anantharaju enquiring the health condition of SSLC students, who are undergoing treatment at Cheluvamba Hospital in Mysuru yesterday. Picture right shows the goods auto in which the students were travelling during the mishap.

Srirangapatna/ Mandya, Apr. 4 (Vinay Karekura/Mohanraj &KS)- More than 31 persons including 11 students were injured in separate road accidents that took place in Mandya district yesterday.

In the first incident, 11 SSLC students who were returning home after writing their SSLC exam, sustained injuries, when the goods auto in which they were travelling toppled at Taripura turning near Mahadevapura village in the taluk yesterday.

The goods auto was carrying 13 students and among the 11 injured, two are said to have sustained serious injuries.

The students belong to Chikkankanahalli High School in the taluk and were returning home after writing the Maths paper at Mahadevapura Government School when the accident took place. All the injured students have been admitted to Cheluvamba Hospital in Mysuru and MLA Ravindra Srikantaiah visited the hospital and enquired the health condition of the students with the doctors.

The MLA, who has issued instructions to Block Education Officer (BEO) Anantharaju and Block Resource Coordinator (BRC) Prabha, said that though a circular has been issued keeping the future of the students in mind, why the students were being ferried in a goods auto.

It is learnt that the School's Management had taken Rs. 300 from each student to take them to the exam centre and drop them back and had booked the goods auto for the same. It is alleged that the auto driver was driving the vehicle under the influence of alcohol. Ravindra Srikantaiah has instructed BEO Anantharaju to take strict action against those responsible and said that he was ready to get the injured students treated and urged the doctors to shift the students to a hi-tech hospital if necessary.

The MLA said that he has asked the BEO to make necessary arrangements for the injured students to write the exams.

Over 20 injured as KSRTC bus ploughs into sugarcane field

In the second incident, more than 20 passengers were injured when the driver of the KSRTC bus in which they were travelling lost control of the bus, rammed it into a bullock cart and ploughed into a sugarcane field near Kanaganamaradi village Government School.

The bus was proceeding from Mandya to Kanaganamaradi in Pandavapura taluk via Hulikere Buga and Vade Samudra, when the driver lost control of the bus and rammed into the bullock cart of one Shivannegowda, which was parked on the roadside and ploughed into the sugarcane field injuring the passengers.

Those injured include Shambhulingaiah, Prakash, Soundarya, Pushpavathi, Manasa, Pradeep, Savithramma, Pankaja, Lakshmamma, Parvathamma, Prajwal and school children.

The villagers, who rescued the injured persons, called the ambulance service, which did not arrive. Meanwhile, BJP leader Dr. N.S. Indresh, who was passing by, helped in shifting the injured persons in his car to the Government Hospital. MLA C.S. Puttaraju, who learnt about the accident, visited the Government Hospital and enquired the condition of the injured persons. He instructed the KSRTC officials to take steps to provide compensation to the injured and take action against those responsible for the accident.

The MLA also instructed the KSRTC officials to provide compensation to farmer Shivannegowda and the KSRTC officials have immediately provided Rs. 20,000 to the farmer and Rs. 2,000 was paid to the farmer who had grown sugarcane. Inspector M.R. Lava, Sub-Inspector Manjunath and others visited the spot and conducted an inspection. A case has been registered at Pandavapura Police Station.

Injured students to write exams from hospital

Steps will be taken to make arrangements for the injured SSLC students to write the next exams from the hospital itself. Those responsible for the accident would be punished. The goods auto toppled as the auto driver was driving under the influence of alcohol and a complaint has been lodged against him. A case has been registered at Arakere Police Station.

— Javaregowda, DDPI, Mandya

ED attaches property belonging to former CNNL MD

Bengaluru, Apr. 4- The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has attached property worth Rs. 1.1 crore belonging to former CNNL (Cauvery Neeravari Nigam Limited) MD T.N. Chikkarayappa in connection with a corruption case.

Chikkarayappa

The ED, in a press statement, said that Chikkarayappa has been accused of alleged acquisition of property worth Rs. 5.33 crore beyond his known sources of income. Chikkarayappa has been charged with acquiring immovable properties in the name of his known persons (benami transactions), out of ill gotten money (money-laundering) and subsequently transferring these properties to the name of his kith and kin. The then ACB, now Lokayukta, Bengaluru, had registered an FIR against Chikkarayappa in connection with money-laundering. Later, the ACB had also submitted the charge-sheet against the former CNNL MD under various Sections of IPC and Prevention of Corruption Act. Following registration of the case, the ED had conducted a probe and subsequently attached properties worth Rs. 1.1 crore belonging to him.

Obituary

K.V. Sathyanarayana Setty

Mysuru, Apr. 4- K.V. Sathyanarayana Setty (78), former Director of Sri Kanyakaparameswari Co-op. Bank Ltd. and former President of Duplin Complex in Shivarampet and a resident of Ittigegud (Indiranagar), passed away following age-related ailments on Monday evening in city.

He leaves behind sons Rajesh, Girish and Santosh, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill this afternoon, according to family sources.

S.N. Santosh

S.N. Santosh (40), a resident of T.K. Layout, passed away following a heart attack in city yesterday.

He leaves behind his wife, one son and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill this morning, according to family sources.

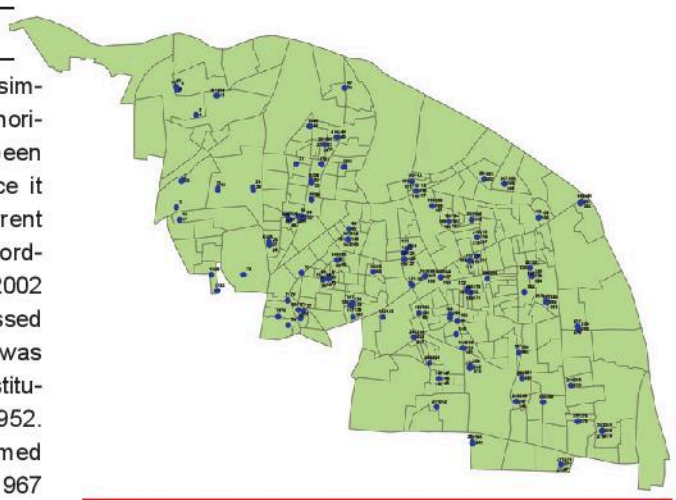
Narasimharaja, the Sait family's formidable fort

By Mohan Kayaka

Mysuru, Apr. 4- The city's Narasimharaja (NR) Constituency, a minority-dominated Constituency, has been a Congress stronghold ever since it was formed in 1952 with the current Congress MLA Tanveer Sait recording five straight victories since 2002 after his father Aziz Sait passed away in 2002. The Constituency was known as the Mysore North Constituency when it was first formed in 1952. But subsequently, it was renamed Narasimharaja Constituency in 1967 and since then it has been dominated by the Sait family. Of the 16 elections held thus far, Muslim candidates have won 13 times from here.

The Constituency covers 21 Wards of the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) under which localities such as Bannimantap, Kesare, Rajeevnagar, Shantinagar, Udayagiri, Satyanagar, Rajendranagar, Subashnagar, Veeranagere, Gandhinagar, N.R. Mohalla, Kyatamaranahalli, Ghousianagar, Azeez Sait Nagar, Kalyanagiri, Sathagalli, Yeraganahalli, Raghavendranagar, Giriabovipalya, Gayatripuram etc., come.

T. Mariappa of Congress was the first Legislator of the Constituency in 1952 followed by Mohammad Sait (Independent) in 1957 and B.K. Puttaiah contested on a PSP (Praja Socialist Party) in 1962. But since 1967, when the then Mysore North Constituency was renamed as Narasimharaja Constituency, the Sait family has taken over the Constituency winning all elections since 1967 barring in 1985 and 1994.



WINNERS ALL FROM 1952 TO 2018

Year	MLA	Party
1952	T. Mariyappa	Congress
1957	Mohammad Sait	Independent
1962	B.K. Puttaiah	PSP
1967	Azeez Sait	SSP
1972	Azeez Sait	Congress
1978	Azeez Sait	Indira Congress
1983	Azeez Sait	Janata Party
1985	Muktharunnisa Begum	Congress
1989	Azeez Sait	Congress
1994	E. Marutirao Pawar	BJP
1999	Azeez Sait	Congress
2002 (by-poll)	Tanveer Sait	Congress
2004	Tanveer Sait	Congress
2008	Tanveer Sait	Congress
2013	Tanveer Sait	Congress
2018	Tanveer Sait	Congress

The current MLA Tanveer Sait's father Aziz Sait set the winning tone by winning the seat in 1967 and subsequently on a Congress ticket in 1972 and 1978. But in 1983, Aziz Sait contested on a Janata Party ticket and won defeating the Congress candidate.

But Sait returned to the Congress a few months later and successfully contested the Lok Sabha seat from Dharwad South (Haveri) in the 1984 General polls that were held after the assassination of the then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. As such, Aziz Sait did not contest the 1985 Assembly polls, which however was retained by the Congress candidate Muktharunnisa Begum.

Aziz Sait contested again on a Congress ticket in the 1989 Assembly polls and won. However, in 1994, Sait, who could not get the Congress party's B form in time, contested as an independent candidate with an aeroplane symbol. He however, lost to Marutirao Pawar of the BJP, with the party winning the seat for the only time to date. But Aziz Sait again contested on a Congress ticket in the 1999 polls and won. Three years later (2002), he passed away, thus necessitating the by-polls, which were won by his son Tanveer Sait. Since then, Tanveer has never lost the Assembly polls and won four Assembly polls successively in 2004, 2008, 2013 and 2018.

But is to be seen whether Tanveer, who has got the Congress ticket again for May 10 Assembly polls, will continue with his winning streak. His father, the late Aziz Sait, had won 6 times between 1967 and 2002 when he died.

Know Your Constituency

VOTER DATA

The Constituency has 2,83,903 voters, who include 1,37,738 males, 1,46,119 females and 46 other voters. Here too, women voters outnumber men. It has 282 polling booths and 2,374 physically challenged voters. Narasimharaja has 6,368 voters who are above 80 years of age and 4,944 young voters.

While the Congress has announced the candidature of Tanveer Sait for the seat, the JD(S) and the BJP are yet to name their candidates. In the 2018 Assembly polls, Tanveer won the seat defeating S. Satish (Sandesh Swamy) of the BJP by over 18,000 votes, with SDPI Candidate Abdul Majid finishing third.

However, speculations are doing the rounds that the JD(S) may field its State President C.M. Ibrahim, a Muslim, from the Constituency. The BJP will likely choose between former Mayor Sandesh Swamy, who contested the last polls and party leaders H.G. Giridhar and G. Satish.

Home-stays, resort owners asked to furnish guest details

Madikeri, Apr. 4 (PS&BCT)- In the backdrop of the enforcement of the Model Code of Conduct, Kodagu Deputy Commissioner Dr. B.C. Satish held a meeting with election officers, flying squads and owners of home-stays, holiday homes and resorts and asked them to strictly follow the rules of the Election Commission while running their outlets in the election season.

As per rules, owners and managers of home-stays, hotels and resorts have to furnish the details of the guests arriving and must be entered in the registration book with details of Aadhaar cards, driving licence and voter ID card. These details will be entered into the election expenditure accounts of the respective candidates.

No room, hall, cottage, hall or auditorium or any other facility can be handed over without obtaining an identity document. Compulsory installation of CCTV cameras in home-stays hotels and resorts must be initiated and one month's footage of CCTV must be stored. All the details of the guests, their duration of stay must be furnished to the election officers whenever asked for, the DC added.

Owners must ensure mandatory entry of vehicle details of guests arriving and no political campaigns of any kind must be allowed on their premises and no programmes should be politically motivated, the DC ordered.

JD(S) MLA Shivalingegowda quits

Bengaluru, Apr. 4- Ahead of the Assembly polls, Arasikere JD(S) MLA **Shivalingegowda** resigned from his Assembly seat on Sunday.

Shivalingegowda met Assembly Speaker Vishweshwar Hegde Kageri at his office in Sirsi, Uttara Kannada district on Sunday morning and submitted his resignation letter.

Shivalingegowda, who was miffed with the JD(S) top brass for the past few months, is most likely to join the Congress and contest the May 10 polls from Arasikere Constituency in Hassan district on a Congress ticket.

Colourful procession marks Mahaveer Jayanti in city

An idol of Lord Mahaveer placed inside a decorated chariot that was taken in a procession from St. Philomena's Church on Ashoka Road to Dasara Exhibition Grounds in city this morning as part of Mahaveer Jayanti celebrations. Picture right shows the community members being part of the grand procession.

Mysuru, Apr. 4 (MTY&SSM)- It was indeed a colourful morning with hundreds of Jain community people dancing and singing bhajans on city streets marking the 2622nd Jayanti of Bhagawan Mahaveer this morning.

The procession was organised under the aegis of Mysuru Jain Sangh, Bhagavan Mahaveer Janam Kalyanak, Yuvaka, Yuvathi and Mahila Mandals along with other Jain Organisations.

A big idol of Lord Mahaveer placed inside a decorated chariot and a small idol placed on a palanquin was carried out in a procession which commenced from St. Philomena's Church on Ashoka Road and passed through Clock Tower, Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple near Palace North Gate, Hardinge Circle before culminating at the Dasara Exhibition Grounds.

Children, who were dressed like Lord Mahaveer and Jain Thirthankaras and stood on the open vehicles, were the main attraction of the procession.

All men from the Jain community were wearing white and white dress indicating the message of peace — Ahimsa, the main theme of the grand procession — while women wore traditional dresses with ghunghat. Community members carried placards with several messages promoting the need of peace in human life, role of women in society.

Milk, buttermilk, Lassi and water were distributed along the procession route. Youngsters danced with joy celebrating the festival. Helping Hands Jain Youth Organisation, who were a part of the procession, fed the pigeons in front of Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple, near Palace North Gate, marking the Mahaveer Jayanti celebrations and also offered prayers.

A small idol of Lord Mahaveer placed on a palanquin being carried in a procession during the celebrations this morning.

A stage programme, which featured bhajans from women of the community and cultural programmes, was held at Dasara Exhibition Grounds in the presence of Acharya Chandryash Surishwarji, Sadhvi Sri Aagamshriji, Guruvarya Sri Harshagunashriji, Guruvarya Sri Mayurashriji and Guruvarya Sri Sheelpragyaju. Rajan Baghmar of Mysuru Jain Sangh and other Office-bearers of various Jain Organisations were present on the occasion.

No politicians were part of the celebrations as the Model Code of Conduct is in force ahead of Assembly polls.

Playback Singer Vaibhav Bagmar from Balotra, Rajasthan, will give a music programme in the evening.

Siddu Vs Somanna in Varuna?

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As V. Somanna is said to be well versed in the political geography and caste arithmetic of Varuna Assembly segment, the BJP Central leadership, which was looking for a strong candidate to take on Siddharamaiah in Varuna, may have found one in Somanna.

Varuna Constituency has a sizeable population of Veerashaiva-Lingayat community and fielding Somanna, who is an influential leader of the community, may help the BJP in giving Siddu a run for his money in the May 10 Assembly polls. At present, Somanna represents Govindraj Nagar Assembly Constituency in Bengaluru.

Varuna has been a stronghold of the Congress, with Siddharamaiah winning the seat twice (2008 and 2013) and his son Dr. Yathindra once (2018) and the BJP wants to ensure that Siddharamaiah faces the toughest challenge in the Constituency this time.

MCC collects taxes

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However, with the record tax collection in the last financial year, the Civic Body is slowly moving towards self-reliance.

Of the Rs. 310.49 crore taxes collected, Rs. 169 crore has been collected as property tax, Rs. 93.1 crore as water tax, Rs. 14.4 crore as approval fee, Rs. 6.68 crore as trade licence fee, Rs. 3.52 crore as rent from commercial complexes, Rs. 64 lakh as fee from advertisement hoarding and Rs. 23.13 lakh from other income sources.

Streamlining tax collection

As part of the tax collection strategy, officials from all the nine Zonal Offices of the MCC were tasked with targets and a regular follow-up by the respective Revenue Officers, Zonal Assistant Commissioners and finally the MCC Commissioner G. Lakshmikantha Reddy. The targets were met most of the time and if not, the real problems or glitches in tax collection were identified and rectified.

This streamlining of the tax collection, fixing targets, effective monitoring by the senior officers and the co-operation from the Corporators and other elected representatives including the Mayor and Deputy Mayor has resulted in the record collection. Every elected representative was taken into confidence and these efforts paid off, MCC officers told *Star of Mysore*.

Loopholes plugged

Though the MCC has been carrying out regular civic works earlier also, the tax collection targets had remained low despite efforts and there were many loopholes. And due to the huge revenue deficit, the Civic Body used to keep the bills of the contractors pending, leading to protests. Now with a comfortable revenue position, the MCC has been clearing pending bills on seniority basis.

In the 2021-22 financial year, the MCC had collected a tax of Rs. 280.69 crore from all sources and in 2020-21, due to the worst COVID-19 pandemic, the MCC had to satiate itself with a revenue collection of Rs. 204.96 crore. When compared to the tax data of 2016-2017 financial year where Rs. 175.97 crore was collected, the last financial year (2022-2023) saw a double collection of Rs. 310.49 crore.

The MCC has already begun the tax collection for the next financial year and has plans to collect Rs. 100 crore in April as property tax and water tax.

PM Modi's visit to Bandipur on Apr. 9

ADGP Alok Kumar inspects security, helipad spots

ADGP (Law and Order) Alok Kumar** (in green uniform) **and team this morning inspected the place near Melukamanahalli in Bandipur Tiger Reserve, identified to construct a helipad for Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit on Apr.9.

Mysuru, Apr. 4 (RK&BS)- Ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's tentative visit to Bandipur National Park in Gundlupet taluk, Chamarajanagar district, on Apr.9, ADGP (Law and Order) Alok Kumar inspected the security arrangements in place, at the forest this morning.

ADGP Alok Kumar - led Officers team including Chamarajanagar Deputy Commissioner Dr. Ramesh, IGP (Southern Range) Praveen Madhukar Pawar, Chamarajanagar Superintendent of Police (SP) Padmini Saho and Mysuru SP Seema Latkar, Chamarajanagar Dy. SP Priyadarshini Sanikoppa, visited Melukamanahalli near the Safari Centre at the entrance of Bandipur and Jekkamallanahalli also in Bandipur, where temporary helipads are being built for the landing of PM Modi's helicopter.

Later, IGP Alok Kumar held a meeting at Jungle Lodges and Resorts in Bandipur and reviewed the security arrangements and transportation facilities, with the Prime Minister expected to go on a safari at Bandipur forest during his visit this Sunday.

According to the tentative schedule, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be arriving in a special flight at Mysore Airport in Mandakalli on Apr.8. The Prime Minister will stay overnight at Hotel Radisson Blu on M. G. Road in the city.

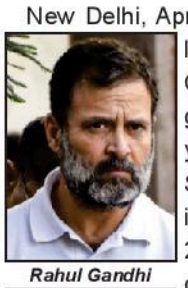
Following day, the IAF chopper carrying Modi will fly to Bandipur, where he will be participating in the 50-year celebrations of Project Tiger and go on a safari.

The Prime Minister will also be felicitating Bomman and Bellie, the caretakers of baby elephants at Mudumalai Tiger Reserve, who are featured in Oscar-winning documentary 'The Elephant Whisperers' and also Bandipur forest personnel who rescued an electrocuted elephant recently.

Surat Court grants bail to Rahul Gandhi; next hearing on Apr. 13

Disqualification would create a 'sympathy wave' in Karnataka, claims Dr. Veerappa Moily

New Delhi, Apr. 4- Congress leader Rahul Gandhi was granted bail yesterday by a Sessions Court in Surat in a 2019 criminal defamation case over his "Modi surname" remark. The Court will hear on April 13 the Congress leader's plea seeking a stay of his conviction in the case in which he was awarded two-year jail term that led to his disqualification from the Lok Sabha.



Rahul Gandhi

Rahul Gandhi has filed two applications, first for suspension of sentence, which is essentially an application for regular bail, and the second for suspension of conviction.

The former Congress chief was on Mar. 23 held guilty and sentenced to two years in jail by a Magistrate's Court in the defamation case. He was later granted bail for 30 days to appeal the verdict. A day later, he was disqualified as a member of Lok Sabha under provisions of the Representation of the People Act, 1951.

Rahul Gandhi, in his appeal filed in the Sessions Court against his conviction, said that the order was "erroneous and patently perverse" and that he was sentenced in a manner so as to attract disqualification as a Member of Parliament.

The Congress leader also alleged that he was treated harshly by the trial Court which was "overwhelmingly influenced" by his status as an MP, and maintained there is no such thing as a definite Modi samaj or community on record.

The Court will take up hearing on the appeal against the conviction on Apr. 13. It will further hear the application on sentencing on May 3. "He was granted bail by the Court. The sentencing was also stayed. Now, the application for the stay of conviction is posted for hearing on Apr. 13," a lawyer involved in the matter said.

'Peak of vendetta politics'

Meanwhile, senior party leader Dr. M. Veerappa Moily said in Bengaluru yesterday that the disqualification of Rahul Gandhi as a Lok Sabha member would be a campaign issue for the Congress in the Assembly elections in Karnataka and it would contribute to the defeat of the BJP government in the State.

Dr. Veerappa Moily

Asked if the disqualification issue would serve to the "political advantage" of the Congress in the poll-bound State, Dr. Moily said: "It's everywhere in the country; after all, it (the issue) shows that it's the peak of vendetta politics".

II PUC evaluation from tomorrow: Poll duty will not impact process

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The process of bundling, numbering of answer scripts, shuffling and data entering began this morning and evaluators were briefed on the system. Evaluation work will be completed in 10 to 12 days and results announced by the end of April.

The evaluation process has begun at a time when the election dates of Karnataka Assembly have been announced and over 30 percent of PU evaluators have been assigned election duties. Normally, PU teachers will be used as sector officers and master trainers. They have to be trained and reports from Bengaluru said that as the training for poll duty has begun, the evaluation process will be delayed.

No confusion: DDPU

However, there is no such issue in Mysuru as per DDPU Nagamallesh. "Valuation process has already begun and the actual valuation will start tomorrow. Once the valuation is complete, the lecturers who have been assigned poll duty will be trained for two or three days so that they can report to poll duty," he said.

Deputy Chief Examiners and Assistant Examiners are seen completing preliminary arrangements for II PU evaluation this morning at Maharaja's College in city.

When asked about over 30 percent of PU teachers being assigned poll duty, Nagamallesh said that a majority of the poll personnel are primary and high school teachers. "Whoever has been assigned poll duty from PU section will report to duty after valuation is completed," he said.

In Mysuru city, the evaluation of answer scripts will be conducted at nine centres including Maharaja's College, Maharani's College, Vidyavardhaka, St. Philomena's, Government PU College, Manchegowdana Koppal and others. The Deputy Chief Examiners have already reported to duty and are completing preliminary arrangements. Assistant Examiners will collect the answer scripts distributed to them subject-wise.

Poll and evaluation are crucial

All arrangements have been made for evaluation and the required basic infrastructural facilities have been provided at the centres. Security arrangements have been made at all the centres and all stringent measures have been taken, said Nagamallesh.

In case of evaluating SSLC answer scripts, there will not be any hindrance due to election training or poll duty as the evaluation will be in the same district. The poll duties will be managed by the primary school teachers till the SSLC and PU evaluators complete the evaluation process.

BJP first list likely on Apr.8

Bengaluru, Apr.4 (KMS&DM)- With the countdown for the May 10 Assembly polls having begun, the ruling BJP is likely to release its first list of candidates on Apr.8, while the Opposition Congress is likely to release its second list of 60 candidates tomorrow (Apr.5).

Though the poll schedule has been announced, the ruling BJP is holding meeting after meeting to finalise the party candidates in the wake of multiple aspirants for all 224 Assembly segments.

The Opposition Congress, which released its first list of candidates late last month, is now all set to release the second list of 60 candidates tomorrow, while the party is likely to release the list of candidates for the rest of the seats later this week.

The JD(S), which released its first list of 94 candidates even before the Assembly poll schedule was announced, too is likely to announce its second list of candidates in a couple of days.

Scouts and Guides- Karnataka 'Rajya Puraskar' awardees

The students of Vijaya Vittala Vidyashala, who have been awarded Rajya Puraskar by the Bharat Scouts and Guides-Karnataka — (from left) S. Daivik Kashyap, Tejas, Sushrutha S. Gowda, D. Nikitha, N. Aisiri, Rishika M. Dev, R. Shree Rashmi, Bhoomika P. Mudgal, M. Nikith Dev and M.S. Mohith — are seen with Hon. Secretary R. Vasudev Bhat, School Principal B.R. Mangala, Head Mistress B.R. Sowmya and Scouts Master Mahesh.

Mysuru, Apr. 4- The Bharat Scouts and Guides-Karnataka, a voluntary, non-political educational movement for young, conducted a State-level testing from a team of qualified examiners at Bharat Scouts and Guides, Mysuru Centre.

The students of Vijaya Vittala Vidyashala - Scouts and Guides team (IX & X Class) — S. Daivik Kashyap, Tejas, Sushrutha S. Gowda, D. Nikitha, N. Aisiri, Rishika M. Dev, R. Shree Rashmi, Bhoomika P. Mudgal, M. Nikith Dev, M.S. Mohith — participated and have been awarded the Governor's Award 2022-23.

School Hon. Secretary R. Vasudev Bhat, School Principal B.R. Mangala, Head Mistress B.R. Sowmya, Scouts Master T. Mahesh, teaching and non-teaching staff congratulated the awardees for their feat.

V. Nagendra, T.A. Poorvik, P. Sharat and B. Tejas Ajay Tilak, students of Hari Vidyalaya, who were awarded 'Rajya Puraskar' by the Governor for participating in Bharat Scouts and Guides, Karnataka, Mysuru district, were felicitated by Hari Vidyalaya Honorary Secretary H.R. Bhagavan, Principal Dr. N. Bharathi Shankar and Guidance teacher O.V. Ashwini.

Wins gold in All India Inter-Varsity Best Physique Championship

Mohammed Ibrahim, who represented University of Mysore (UoM) at the All India Inter-University Best Physique Championship (Men) 2022-23 held recently at Yenepoya (Deemed to be University), Mangaluru, has secured gold medal in 65 kg category. Mohammed Ibrahim was honoured by Dr. Muzaffar Assadi, the then Acting Vice-Chancellor of UoM in the presence of Dr. P. Krishnaiah, Director, Department of Physical Education, UoM, Dr. B. Sadashiva Bhat, Senior PED, Professional Body-builder Mansoor Ayaz (Coach of Ibrahim) and Karthik, the team Manager.

City MMA athletes win medals at Fitflix Expo - Fight Night

Seen in the picture are (from left) Coach Kiran, Samarth Vikram, Mohammed Zaid and Kru. Vikram.

Mysuru, Apr. 4- Two Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) athletes of Academy of Martial Science won both their amateur MMA bouts at the Fitflix Fitness Expo - Fight Night held at Sri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Stadium, HSR Layout, Bengaluru, on Mar. 26.

Six pairs of fight with various upcoming fighters from South India featured in the event.

Samarth Vikram won his Bantam weight bout against Balu from Telangana via a unanimous decision and **Mohammed Zaid** won his Welter weight bout against Sai Vamshi from Hyderabad via a TKO (Technical Knockout). The event was hosted by Association of Mixed Martial Arts Karnataka and sanctioned by MMA INDIA. They are all trained at AMS by Kru Vikram and Coach Kiran led the team.

Winner in Mixed Martial Arts

S. Prajwal of Mysuru, training Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) under Coach Amith Vishwanath at C3MMA gym (Kushalnagar) and Karate at PKD (Prajwal Karate Dojo), took part in Vijayapura Fight Night organised by Dominators Battle Field recently at Vijayapura and has won against Babu Gullar of Vijayapura via Technical Knock Out in First Round in Feather Weight Division.

Bags first place in Karate

Mysuru, Apr. 4- Abhignan Vedant Bhushan, a Class 1 student of Excel Public School, Mysuru, has bagged first place in VSK Open National Karate Championship in U-8 category. He has finished his yellow belt and is getting trained by Muneendra.

Abhignan is the son of renowned Bharatanatyam artiste couple Badari Divya Bhushan and Dr. Anjana Bhushan. He is also pursuing Bharatanatyam and often performs with his parents and elder brother Abhyuday Dhyan Bhushan.

Abhignan Vedant

Vid. Sandeep Narayan's vocal concert at Bidaram Krishnappa's Mandira

Vid. Sandeep Narayan from Chennai presenting a grand vocal concert at Ganavisharadha Shri Bidaram Krishnappa's Sri Prasanna Seetharama Mandira in Devaraja Mohalla yesterday as part of the ongoing 107th Ramanavami Annual Heritage Music Festival. He is accompanied by Vid. Mathur Srinidhi on violin, Vid. Tumkur Ravishankar on mridanga and Vid. Shamith S. Gowda on ghata. Picture right shows a section of audience.

Ramothsava Sangeethotsava: Day 4

Aesthetic and appealing in musical expression

Vid. Ashwath Narayanan presenting a vocal concert at 'Sangeethotsava - 2023,' a series of concerts organised as part of 133rd anniversary of Sri Ramothsava celebrations by Sri Ramabhyudaya Sabha Public Charitable Trust at Alamma's Choultry in Srirampet on Apr. 2. He is accompanied by Vid. Vishwesh Chandrashekar on violin, Vid. Ravishankar Sharma on mridanga and Vid. G.S. Ramanujam on ghata.

By Dr. Padmavathi Narasimhan

Chennai vocalist **Vid. Ashwath Narayanan** sang for Ramabhyudaya Sabha on the 4th day of Ramothsava at Alamma's Choultry on Apr. 2. He was accompanied on violin by **Vid. Vishwesh Chandrashekar**, on mridanga by **Vid. Ravishankar Sharma** and on the ghata by **Vid. G.S. Ramanujam.**

Ashwath's intensive training under a stalwart like Palghat K.V. Narayanswamy and later by Padma Narayanaswamy has made him what he is today. His style which he has adapted from the lineage of Ariyakkudi Ramanuja Iyengar is bewitching and his voice the result of years of practice.

Ashwath commenced his concert with Tyagaraja's 'Ramabhakti Samrajya' in Shuddha Bangala followed by racy swaras. Janaranjani was enjoyable and saw a brief neraval for the pallavi 'Smarane sukhamu Ramanama', but for connoisseurs looking forward to listening to a neraval from a disciple of KVN, this was unsatisfactory, as this was also the only neraval in the entire concert.

'Rama Rama kalikalusha virama' is a very soothing composition of Deekshitar, wherein the composer pleads to Lord Rama, the repository of all virtues, to protect him, addressing Him as 'kali Kalusha virama' — the one who puts an end to the sins of Kaliyuga, cleverly knitting the name of the raga Ramakali in it. Ashwath sang this composition beautifully, etching the beauty of the composition splendidly. 'Rama Rama Rama Sita Rama Enniro' by Purandaradasa in Vasanta was a brisk piece but aesthetic in appeal in his musical expression.

Abheri was satisfactory in ragalapana and also a tanam which was a bonus but when the artiste took up Mysuru Vasudevachar's 'Bhajare Manasa', it was clear to the listeners that there was going to be no RTP in the concert.

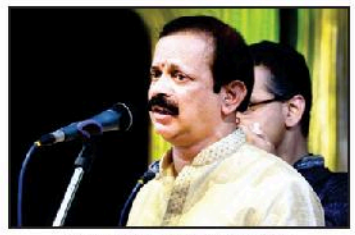
The composition lacked a few of the well-known sangatis in the pllavi and anupallavi portions, which the Mysuru listeners are so used to hear.

Vishwesh was in his elements contributing his best in alapanas and swara bouts with the vocalist. Subtle mellifluity of nada came from Ravishankar Sharma and Ramanujam in Taniyavartanam.

Shloka on Rama 'Shantam shashwatam Aprameyam anagham' in Peelu and Yamankalyani was rendered in finesse kindling the listeners' emotions, leading onto Tulsidas Bhajan 'Sri Ramachandra Krupalu Bhaja Man'. Ashwath concluded his concert with a Lalgudi Tillana in Bagesri.

For music aspirants who expected more, the concert was a little disappointing as the expectation was high with a popular vocalist like this young man.

Concert at Nadabrahma

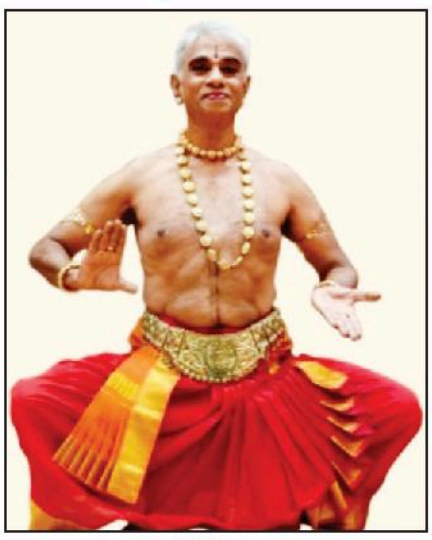


Vid. Mysore N. Srinath

Mysuru, Apr. 4- Vid. Mysore N. Srinath will present a vocal recital at Sri Nadabrahma Sageetha Sabha on JLB Road in city on Apr. 8 at 6 pm as part of T.V. Alamelu Birthday Remembrance Concert sponsored by Dr. Meera Nathan. He will be accompanied by Vidu. Veena Suresh on violin, Vid. Sai Shiva Lakshmi Keshava on mridanga and R. Srinidhi Koundinya on ghata.

Profile: Academically, Mysore Srinath is a Praveena in Sanskrit, Aagama and Vidwat in Music with a Degree in Music from Madras University. His first music guru is Vidu. K.G. Kanakalakshmi. Further he got tips and improvisation from Dr. S. Ramanathan, R.K. Narayanaswamy and R.N. Thyagarajan. Presently he is under Dr. R.N. Tharanathan. He has won number of awards from various Sabhas. He is in regular concert circles in India and USA. He is a teacher at Pramati Hillview School in Mysuru.

City Dance Professor, daughters to perform at 'Nritya Siri'



Dr. K. Kumar

K.M. Lekha & K.M. Nidhi

Mysuru, Apr. 4- *Karnataka Kalashree* Professor Dr. K. Kumar and his daughters well-known as 'Kalemane Sisters' of Mysuru — K.M. Lekha and K.M. Nidhi — will be presenting Bharatanatyam performance titled 'Trimurtyanjali' dedicated to the three gems of Karnatak Music — Shyama Sastri, Muthuswami Dikshitar and Tyagaraja, at 'Nritya Siri' Dance Festival to be conducted by Sundhindra Nritya Kalaniketana, Bengaluru, at Seva Sadana in Malleshwaram, Bengaluru, on Apr. 9 at 6 pm.

The chief guests for the evening will be Siddram Shinde, Assistant Director, Department of Kannada and Culture, Bengaluru Urban, *Karnataka Kalashree* Guru Minal Prabhu, Bengaluru, Dr. R.V. Raghavendra, Managing Trustee, Ananya GML Cultural Academy, Guru Vid. Nagaraja Upadhyaya and Guru Vidu. Leelavathi Upadhyaya of Leela Natya Kalavrinda, Bengaluru.

WORD OF THE DAY

Fawn

Pronunciation: FAWN.
Meaning: To fawn over someone is to court their favour by grovelling or by flattering the person. Fawn is also sometimes used of dogs to mean "to show affection."
Origin: It comes from the Old English adjective fægen or fagan, meaning "glad," by way of Old English fagnian, meaning "to rejoice." Note that this fawn is not, despite appearances, related to the noun fawn that refers to a young deer. For that we can thank the Latin noun fetus, meaning "offspring."
Example: "... it seems that being a tough guy who finds his soft spot in the form of a child is his [actor Pedro Pascal] thing and we are here for it. You know who else is here for it? Pedro Pascal. In true daddy fashion, he is a spectacularly good sport about constantly being fawned over in this manner ..." —Jamie Kenney

THE ODD WORD

Farraginous

Disordered; jumbled; miscellaneous.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Fag end

Meaning: The remnant of something, especially the part left after the best part has been used.
Origin: For most of the 20th century in the UK cigarettes were known colloquially as fags and a fag-end was the name of the end part of the cigarette, after most of it had been smoked. It feels intuitively that the cigarette is the source of the more general term 'fag end' meaning 'the left-over part of something'. The word fag has several other meanings, which are: The end of a roll or bale of cloth. A parasitic insect that infects sheep. The junior member of a group who performs menial tasks. A homosexual man (a shortened form of 'faggot'). So, it could be that 'fag end' derives from one of those meanings. A little more delving showed that the 'fag end' was the name given to the last piece of cloth on a roll well before cigarettes were thought of. For example, the term is found in this piece from the English preacher George Bury's book of sermons The Narrow Way, 1607: Mercers and Drapers neuer shew vnto their chapmen the middle part & fag end of their wares, but onely the vpper part thereof which commonly is very good. [Note: a mercer was a trader in cloth and fabric.]
So, rather than fags (cigarettes) giving their name to 'fag ends' it was the other way about. Fag ends (of cloth) gave their name to any small remnant and so the end part of a cigarette took on the name fag end, which subsequently caused cigarettes to be called fags. Fag ends were named in the early 17th century but it wasn't until the end of the 19th century that fag ends and then fags were used to refer to cigars and cigarettes.

QUOTE BOX

It's better to burn out than to fade away. **—Neil Young**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

0 DO DO U

Answer: Nothing to do with you.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 India's desert region
5 Attack or effort?
9 TV network
12 Mexican food
13 Church part
14 Helicopter Assoc. International
15 Hitch
16 Ceding, surrendering or giving up
18 Obligatory payments
20 Door fastener
21 Direct a course
23 Norse deity
25 Cockpit Resource Mgmnt.
26 Ex-India batsman Pravin ___
28 Dublin is its capital
32 Alsace assent
33 Ireland's ___ Lingus
34 And not ?
35 Carry on the body
37 A long-winded tale
39 Star Wars, initially
40 Single entity
42 Entertain
44 Japanese dish
47 Egg-shaped
48 Eavesdrop
51 Sodium chloride
54 Charles ____ : King Charles?
55 Wayside taverns
56 Boil slowly
57 Name of a river and loch in Scotland
58 Company emblem
59 Flight prefix

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

D	C	I	V	■	A	R	C	H	■	K	O	S
R	O	T	I	■	S	O	N	U	■	O	R	O
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O	N	E	R	■	T	E	G	■	C	U	S	P
A	D	V	■	R	A	G	■	A	R	R	A	Y
T	O	E	C	A	P	■	C	U	E	■	■	■
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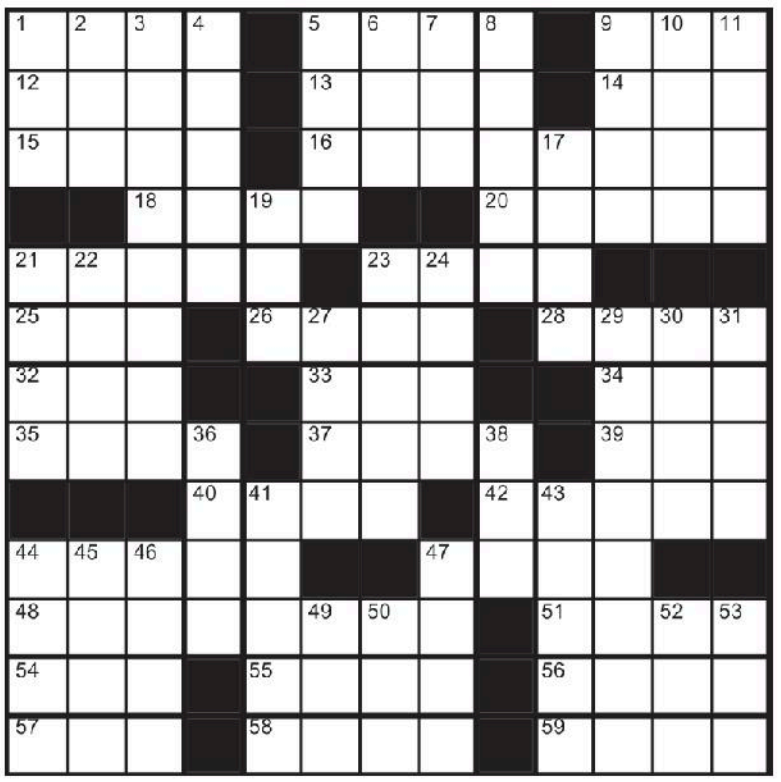
M	U	G	■	O	B	O	E	■	E	R	I	K
O	D	E	■	M	U	S	K	■	R	A	P	E

DOWN

1 Teletype setter, in short
2 Ethnic group of majority of Chinese people
3 World of scholars
4 Scoundrel or cad
5 He who ___ the piper calls the tune
6 India's real-time payment system
7 U-turn from NNW
8 A greeting
9 Voucher
10 French bench
11 Breathe deeply
17 To venture
19 Historical period
21 Barge - "cows" anagram?
22 Faithful
23 Nice surprise
24 Mister German?
27 Request for permission (3,1)
29 Prevent loss of heat or sound
30 Ingots for, perhaps, Laver and Steiger?
31 Huron's neighbour
36 Essen valley
38 Net asset value, abbr.
41 This meant nothing to Nero
43 F1's Felipe ____
44 Separate out
45 Eye part
46 Over-concerned with physical attractions?
47 Approximately (2,2)
49 Rock musician Brian
50 Director __ Lee
52 Gaelic sea god
53 Pair



SUDOKU

						6	2	
	2		6	7				
1			8	5				7
6	4			9			1	
	5			2			4	8
2				6	7			9
				4	1		3	
	1	9						

Answer to previous puzzle

3	1	2	5	6	9	7	8	4
4	5	9	7	1	8	6	2	3
6	7	8	4	3	2	1	5	9
2	6	7	1	4	5	3	9	8
5	9	4	6	8	3	2	7	1
1	8	3	9	2	7	4	6	5
8	3	5	2	7	1	9	4	6
9	2	6	3	5	4	8	1	7
7	4	1	8	9	6	5	3	2

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

UG SZJAA RJT SZQK EOZQXSO RBPBTE, MQWB RJT

GUTY CQX JE BWBZC EUPB UT CQXZ MUGB.

TODAY'S CLUE: U EQUALS I

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Nobody can be exactly like me.
Sometimes even I have trouble doing it.

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Kabza (K)	(S-1)	1.25 pm
Dasara (Te)	(S-1)	4.05pm,7.05pm,10.05pm
	(S-2)	10.30 am
Bholaa (H-3D)	(S-2)	1.35 pm, 4.30 pm
		7.20 pm, 10.10 pm
Viduthalai Part 1 (Ta)	(S-3)	10.30 am, 1.20 pm
Pathu Thala (Ta)	(S-3)	4.10 pm
Dungeons & Dragons: Honor Among (E)	(S-3)	7.10 pm
Gurudev Hoysala (K)	(S-4)	11 am, 1.45 pm, 4.30 pm
		7.15 pm, 9.55 pm

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Gurudev Hoysala (K)	:	10.25 am, 1.10 pm, 3.40 pm
		6.40 pm, 9.15 pm
Dasara (Te)	:	12.15 pm, 3.15 pm, 6.15 pm
Kabzaa (K)	:	1.00 pm
Pathu Thala (Ta)	:	6.15 pm, 9.15 pm

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		6.50 pm, 10.15 pm
Dasara (Te)	:	9.20 am, 12.35 pm, 3.35 pm
		7.00 pm, 10.00 pm
Dasara (H)	:	10.30 pm
John Wick: Chapter 4 (E)	:	9.20 am, 3.55 pm, 10.10 pm
Pathu Thala (Ta)	:	9.45 am, 12.55 pm, 4.05 pm, 7.10 pm
Viduthalai Part - 1 (Ta)	:	10.05 am, 12.50 pm, 4.05 pm
		7.25 pm, 10.20 pm
Gurudev Hoysala (K)	:	10.40 am, 1.30 pm, 4.20 pm
		7.10 pm, 10.00 pm
Dungeons & Dragons (E)	:	1.10 pm, 7.15 pm

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Dasara (Te)	:	9.05 am, 6.55 pm, 10.10 pm
Dasara (K)	:	3:25 pm
Gurudev Hoysala (K)	:	9.45 am, 12.35 pm, 4.10 pm
		6.55 pm, 9.45 pm
Pathu Thala (Ta)	:	9.50 am, 1.00 pm, 7.00 pm
Viduthalai Part - 1 (Ta)	:	9.55 am, 3.50 pm, 10.10 pm
John Wick: Chapter 4 (E)	:	12.20 pm
Bholaa (H)	:	1.00 pm, 4.10 pm,
		7.20 pm, 10.30 pm

EVENTS TODAY (APRIL 4)

- **Sri Raghavendraswamy Seva Samithi, Jayalakshmipuram:** Discourse on 'Padma Purana' by Pandit Aniruddhacharya Pandurangi, Sri Raghavendraswamy Mutt premises, Jayalakshmipuram, **5 pm.**
- **Sri Ramabhyudaya Sabha Public Charitable Trust:** 133rd anniversary of Sri Ramothsava celebrations, 'Sangeethotsava - 2023,' discourse on 'Ramayana' by K. Ramachandra, retd. Engineer, Rama Mandira, **5 pm to 6 pm;** Sitar Recital by Vidu. Anupama Bhagavat, accompanied by Pt. Ravindra Yavgal on tabla, Alamma's Choultry, near Moole Rama Mandira, Srirampet, **6.30 pm to 9.30 pm.**
- **Ganavisharadha Shri Bidaram Krishnappa's Sri Prasanna Seetharama Mandira:** 107th Ramanavami Annual Heritage Music Festival, Karnatak Vocal Concert by Vidu. Hiranmayee Srinidhi from Chennai, accompanied by Vid. Keshav Mohan Kumar on violin, Vid. A. Radesh on mridanga and Vidu. Bhagyalakshmi Krishna on morching, Mandira premises, Devaraja Mohalla, **6.15 pm.**
- **Sri Rama Seva Mandali:** 70th Ramotsava, tala-maddale 'Ravanana Vadhe' by Vid. Ganapati Bhat, Sunkadagudi and troupe, Sri Avani Shankara Mutt, 4th Main Road, 9th Cross Road, Vidyaranyapuram, **6.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (APRIL 5)

- **Mysuru District Journalists Association (MDJA):** Conferring of Sri Shivarathreeshwara Media Award on *Prajanudi* senior reporter M.S. Kashinath by JSS Mahavidyapeetha Finance Division Director S. Puttasubbappa, Mysore University VC Prof. N.K. Lokanath and District Kannada Sahitya Parishat Mysuru President Maddikere Gopal chief guests, MDJA President S.T. Ravikumar (RK) presides, Pathrakartara Bhavan, Tyagaraja Road, **11 am.**
- **Babu Jagjivan Ram Studies, Research and Extension Centre, Manasagangothri and SC/ST Special Unit, Maharaja's College premises, Mysuru:** Babu Jagjivan Ram's 116th birth anniversary celebrations, special lecture on 'Babu Jagjivan Ram's contribution to eradicate poverty' by retd. IAS Officer N.C. Maniyappa, Mysore University VC Prof. N.K. Lokanath inaugurates, Mysore University Registrar V.R. Shylaja chief guest, Babu Jagjivan Ram Studies, Research and Extension Centre Director Prof. R. Thimmarayappa presides, SC/ST Special Unit Special Officer Prof. N. Mahadevamurthy will be present, Babu Jagjivan Ram Studies, Research and Extension Centre auditorium, Manasagangothri, **11 am.**
- **Babu Jagjivan Ram Studies, Research and Extension Centre, Karnataka State Open University (KSOU):** Babu Jagjivan Ram's 116th birth anniversary celebrations, special lecture and book release, KPSC Member Dr. Shantha Hosamani inaugurates, Mysore University History Study and Research Department Head Prof. K. Sadashiva delivers lecture, Cauvery auditorium, KSOU premises, **11.30 am.**
- **Sri Raghavendraswamy Seva Samithi, Jayalakshmipuram:** Discourse on 'Padma Purana' by Pandit Aniruddhacharya Pandurangi, Sri Raghavendraswamy Mutt premises, Jayalakshmipuram, **5 pm.**
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- **Sri Rama Seva Mandali:** 70th Ramotsava, Sugama Sangeetha by Pancham Halibandi, Bengaluru and troupe, Sri Avani Shankara Mutt, 4th Main Road, 9th Cross Road, Vidyaranyapuram, **6.30 pm.**

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		6.55 pm, 10.00 pm
Dasara (Te)	(S-3)	9.50 am, 4 pm, 7.10 pm
Viduthalai Part - 1 (Ta)	(S-3)	1.00 pm
	(S-4)	10.35 am, 7.30 pm
Pathu Thala (Ta)	(S-4)	4.25 pm, 10.30 pm
Kabzaa (K)	(S-4)	1.35 pm
John Wick: Chapter 4 (E)	(S-3)	10.20 pm

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		7.25 pm, 10.30 pm
Dasara (Te)	(S-1)	4.10 pm, 10.10 pm
	(S-4)	10.05 am
Pathu Thala (Ta)	(S-1)	10.15 am
	(S-4)	1.10 pm, 7.15 pm
Viduthalai Part - 1 (Ta)	(S-4)	4.15 pm, 10.20 pm
Dungeons & Dragons (E)	(S-1)	1.20 pm, 7.20 pm

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Mass Upanayana, Brahmopadesha

Mysuru, Apr. 4- Sri Vaishnava Samuhika Upanayana Samiti, Krishnamurthypuram, Mysuru, has organised a Mass Upanayana at Sri Rama Mandira in Krishnamurthypuram on May 22.

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For details and registration, contact Ramaprasad on Mob: 94488-72458 or Tirumalachar on 94483-30197 or P. Nambisharma on 94483-92676 or Madhavarao on 96113-69901, according to a press release from Sri Vaishnava Samuhika Upanayana Samiti.

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